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Astronaut John Blaha autographed photographs for friends and family members who welcomed him home after his four-month stay on the Russian Mir Space Station.

February →

The first Texas longhorns to grace JSC pastures left their trailer and entered their new home west of Rocket Park. The Longhorn Project is a joint educational effort by JSC, the Clear Creek Independent School District and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's local subcommittee.



March

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JSC Director George Abbey talked with NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin and restaurant owner Giuseppe Camera after Abbey received the National Space Trophy.



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the Year in
Pictures



May ↑

Members of the JSC consulting team reviewed the final plan for second floor exhibits in the new Moody Gardens Discovery Pyramid, seen in the background. The new pyramid, with its space-related exhibits developed by JSC volunteers, opened in June.



April

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After spending 60 days in an air-tight chamber, Team Lead Terry Tri opened the door in Bldg. 7 and he, Karen Meyers, Fred Smith and David Staat emerged from the Lunar Mars Life Support Test Project Phase IIA test. At the end of the year, another team—Nigel Packham, Vickie Kloeris, John Lewis and Laura Supra—completed a 90 day stay in the chamber.

June

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JSC Director George Abbey showed off a new shirt for sale in the revived Bldg. 3 Exchange Store as Karl Schuler, chairman of the retail team that helped develop the inventory of new items and services available, looked on.



↑ July

A White Sands Test Facility worker reassembled the fleet leader orbital maneuvering system engine after using it to certify a water decontamination procedure that will be easier on the environment and save taxpayers about \$500,000 per engine.

August

Youngsters visiting during the JSC Open House got a chance to sit at the very consoles that were used to help put men on the Moon.



← September

STS-88 Astronauts Jerry Ross and Jim Newman practiced the moves they'll make for the first International Space Station assembly mission in the Sonny Carter Training Facility's Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory.

October →

DynCorp employees worked closely with NASA personnel to install new "glass cockpit" digital avionics and computer displays in JSC's T-38 astronaut training aircraft fleet.



November

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JSC employees stood down from their daily tasks and suited up for a fun run as the annual Safety and Total Health Day got off to a great start.



← December

Inspection 97 volunteer Jason Andringa, right, described an animated presentation of the X-38 crew return vehicle as the center showed 2,500 visitors from 45 states the kind of technologies being developed at JSC.